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63rd Montana Legislature

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AGENDA

as of 5/12/14

Meeting #7 - Thursday, June 5, 2014

Room 137, Capitol Bldg., Helena

Please note: all times are approximate

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| 8:00 a.m. | 1. Call to order and roll call - Sen. Dee Brown, Presiding Officer |
| 8:05 | 2. Veterans - Should Montana have a state ombudsman to help veterans access federal VA services? <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Panel Discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Joe Walsh, Veteran(2) Dr. Blake, PTSD Therapist, VA Ft. Harrison(3) Tony Snell, Volunteer Services, VA Ft. Harrison(4) Bruce Knutson, staff representative, Sen. Tester's Office(5) TBD(6) TBDb. Committee Questionsc. Public Commentd. Committee work session, if any motions are offered by members concerning veteran issues |
| 9:00 | 3. Agency Legislative Proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Ms. Scurr - Legislative Research Analyst<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of process for reviewing and authorizing agency legislation for drafting |
| 9:10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">b. Joe Foster, Montana Veteran's Affairs Division (MVAD)<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Committee questions(2) Public comment(3) Committee work session<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ <u>Action Item</u>: Which MVAD legislative proposals does the Committee authorize for drafting? |
| 9:40 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">c. TBD, Department of Military Affairs (DMA) - Legislative Proposals<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Committee questions(2) Public comment(3) Committee work session<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ <u>Action Item</u>: Which DMA legislative proposals does the Committee authorize for drafting? |
| 10:10 | BREAK |

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- 10:20 d. Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State (SOS)
 (1) Committee questions
 (2) Public comment
 (3) Committee work session
 → Action Item: Which SOS legislative proposals does the Committee authorize for drafting?
- 10:50 e. Sheila Hogan, Director, Department of Administration (D of A)
 (1) Committee questions
 (2) Public comment
 (3) Committee work session
 → Action Item: Which D of A legislative proposals does the Committee authorize for drafting?
- 11:45 LUNCH
- 12:45 p.m. f. Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
 (1) Committee questions
 (2) Public comment
 (3) Committee work session
 → Action Item: Which COPP legislative proposals does the Committee authorize for drafting?
- 1:15 4. **HJR 1 - Study of COPP**
 a. Sheri Scurr - review of LCsa01 - revising selection of Commissioner
 b. Committee questions
 c. Public comment
 d. Committee work session
 → Action Item: Does the Committee approve LCsa01 as a Committee bill and/or have revisions?
 → Action Item: Does the Committee wish staff to draft any other HJR 1- related bills for the Committee's review at the next meeting?
- 1:45 5. **SJR 14 - Elections Study**
 a. Sheri Scurr - review of decision points on LCsa02 - revising elections
 b. Committee questions
 c. Public comment
 d. Committee work session
 → Action Item: Does the Committee approve LCsa02 as a Committee bill and/or have revisions? Or, would the Committee like to postpone action to the August meeting?
 → Action Item: Does the Committee wish staff to draft any other SJR 14- related bills for the Committee's review at the next meeting?
- 2:45 BREAK

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- 3:00 **6. Public Pension Oversight**
- a. Introduction of new Exec. Dir. of PER Board, Dore Schwinden
 - b. Status of SAVA's request that the PER Board, TRS Board, and Board of Investments hold meetings in Capitol
 - Dore Schwinder, MPERA
 - Shawn Graham, TRS
 - David Ewer, BOI
 - c. Sheri Scurr - review of **LCsa03** - revising PERS trigger provisions
 - (1) TBD - review of fiscal implications for PERS
 - (2) Committee questions
 - (3) Public comment
 - (4) Committee work session
 - Action Item: Does the Committee approve LCsa03 as a Committee bill and/or have revisions?
 - Action Item: Does the Committee wish staff to draft any other pension-related bills for the Committee's review at the next meeting?
- 4:00 **7. Rule review activity** - Ms. Aldrich, staff attorney
- 4:15 **8. General public comment** - any matter under the Committee's jurisdiction
- 4:30 Any Other Committee Business - Instructions to Staff
Next meeting, August 12
Adjournment

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